

Covid-19 and Resulting Restrictions

Dear Member,

Firstly, and on behalf of Connetable Nicol, we hope that you and your families are keeping well and healthy and fingers crossed, avoiding this horrendous Covid-19 virus. As you will be aware and furthermore appreciate, normal life and activities have been severely impacted and for the time being, there is no indication of a timescale for the nation to get back to some sort of normality.

This lockdown has obviously caused us to examine the 2020 Goustevin Scotland programme and the ramifications on forthcoming tastings and events. It was recognised that the preliminary lockdown restrictions could well impact on our May Tasting at the Floral Hall and as the coronavirus spread, the decision was rightly made to cancel the event, which should come as no surprise to anyone – even if restrictions were eased, the health and wellbeing of our members (and indeed guests for that matter) is of prime importance.

It's a shame that we are unable to have the "Spring into Summer Wine Evening" in the glorious surroundings of the Floral Hall, but it is something which can perhaps be re-considered for a future occasion. The on-going restrictions <u>may</u> impact on the Summer Barbeque scheduled for 16th August chez Karen Jarvis near Beauly and possibly also the Champagne evening chez Graham Vine in Nairn on 12th September but we will continue to monitor the lifting of lockdown restrictions and will update information appropriately to you. Also worthy of mention is the potential impact on international events, ie the Chapitre scheduled for 4th October in Indianapolis, the possible Champagne visit and also the Rouen Chapitre on November 21st.

In the meantime stay well, stay safe and "keep the faith"......continue to enjoy a glass of wine in the safe surroundings of your home/garden and we'll all meet up again on t'other side when this pandemic passes.

Santé and best wishes,

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